

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:        Aiden Flanagan        Confirmation No. 4535  
Group Art Unit:                3734  
Application No.:                10/782,073  
Examiner:                        Kevin Thao TRUONG  
Filed:                              February 18, 2004  
Docket No.:                      12013/50801  
For:                                LASER-INDUCED EXPLOSIVE VAPORIZATION  
                                         COATING METHOD, ASSOCIATED SYSTEM, AND  
                                         DEVICE MADE BY THE METHOD

**RESPONSE TO SECOND RESTRICTION/ELECTION**  
**REQUIREMENT MAILED DECEMBER 13, 2007**

**MAIL STOP -- AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2007 in the above-identified application, the Applicants respectfully submit the following.

Claims 1-46 are pending in the application. In response to the requirement for restriction set forth in the above-identified Office Action, the Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-24, drawn to a method for coating a portion of a device. Paragraph 7 of the Office Action indicates that the Applicants must also elect a species; however, the Applicants respectfully submit that the Office Action does not set forth groups of species from which to choose.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments which may be incurred in connection with this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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